

## **CLINICAL INNOVATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE CHAIRMAN**

### **PRINCIPAL GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Accountable to :	The Council
Term of office :	Three years, subject to annual election
Appointment Criteria :	Membership of Council
Election Arrangements :	By Council on nomination of Council members
Overall Purpose :	To be responsible for the effective delivery of relevant parts of the College's strategic plan as proposed by the Chairman and agreed by the Council.

#### **Main Responsibilities:**

The Clinical Innovation and Research Centre (CIRC) is a new Centre developed from the RCGP Research & Clinical Network areas. Its aim is to improve clinical standards for the care of patients in general practice and primary care through; clinical effectiveness programmes, quality improvement initiatives, rigorous research projects, supporting GP education, training and continuing development and the dissemination of this work.

The Chairman of CIRC will act as the lead Member person in the RCGP for Clinical and Research issues relating to CIRC in the College and will be responsible for the strategic direction of the Centre and supporting the activities of its the team at Princes Gate. The CIRC's activities include Primary Care Research Team Assessment, the Research Paper of the Year Award, the Scientific Foundation Board and the Academic Advisory Board.

- a) Chair the Management Board of the CIRC which will meet a maximum of four times a year and ensure that follow-up action is taken.
- b) Oversee the development and implementation of a policy for clinical standards.
- c) Represent CIRC on CEC and Council, to inform the strategic direction of CIRC and to provide an input from the CIRC perspective into CEC and Council debates.
- d) Liaise with Chairman of Council, Honorary Secretary and other College Officers as appropriate to inform on current CIRC issues, coordinate work and test ideas.
- e) Provide To contribute Expert Advice on documents/consultations issued by Government, Department of Health, NHS Executive and other organisations to provide the CIRC perspective in College comments responses to on these documents
- f) Facilitate joint working with the National Collaborating Centre for Primary Care, Birmingham Research Unit and the RCGP Epidemiological Database Unit at the University of Aberdeen and liaise with their Directors.
- g) Promote joint working with other parts of the College for example in the areas of Education and Quality.
- h) Advise on external funding opportunities.
- i) Contribute to the assessment of RCGP research award applications.
- j) Promote the activities and initiatives of the CIRC through such activities as presenting at scientific meetings and contributing to publications.